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SUBJECT: MALAYSIAN POSITION ON CHINA ISSUE IN INTELSAT

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1. MALAYSIAN MFA PRINCIPAL ASST SECRETARY FOR UNITED NATIONS AFFAIRS ANTHONY YEO TOLD EMB POLOFF FEB 6 THAT UNOFFICIAL ROC CONSUL GENERAL J.C.CHANG CALLED ON MFA DEP SEC GEN HASHIM BIN SULTAN SEVERAL WEEKS AGO TO REQUEST GOM ASSISTANCE IN RETAINING ROC MEMBERSHIP IN INTELSAT. HASHIM WAS NONCOMMITTAL, YEO SAID, AND GOM WILL NOT RESPOND TO CHANG BECAUSE IT DOES NOT RECOGNIZE TAIWAN GOVT OR ITS CONSUL GENERAL HERE (HOWEVER, CONSULATE GENERAL FLYING ROC FLAG CONTINUES EXIST ON A MAIN KL THOROUGHFARE).
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WHEN POLOFF MADE POINTS IN PARA 4 REFTTEL, YEO SAID GOM COULD

NOT SUPPORT ANY US EFFORT TO KEEP ROC IN INTELSAT BECAUSE IT RECOGNIZES PRC AS SOLE GOVT OF CHINA. WHILE GOM WOULD LIKE TO SEE TAIWAN RETAIN ACCESS TO INTELSAT SYSTEM, MALAYSIANS ARE NOT PREPARED TAKE ACTIVE ROLE IN OPPOSING EFFORTS TO EXCLUDE IT.

2. COMMENT: YEO'S RESPONSE CONFORMS WITH CURRENT GOM LINE ON CHINA SINCE MALAYSIANS ATTACH GREAT IMPORTANCE TO SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION OF PRESENT NEGOTIATIONS FOR EXCHANGE OF DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS WITH PEKING. EMBASSY BELIEVES, HOWEVER, THAT GOM INTELSAT DELEGATION COULD POSSIBLY SUPPORT EFFORTS PRESERVE ROC ACCESS TO INTELSAT SYSTEM IF IT CLEAR THIS NOT OPPOSED BY PRC. UNDERHILL

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